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the county judge appoints appraisers to establish a suggested value for the property. Both parties can argue with that appraised value. Either party can appeal the determination of value that is arrived at by the appraisers but, in any event, the appraisers are a very integral part of that process and are used in every condemnation case that isn't settled between the parties themselves. When that happens, then the court fixes a fee for the appraisers and the statute before this bill says that the fee shall not exceed \$250 for each appraiser, exclusive of mileage, for each day actually employed, in attendance on the Board of Appraisers. The fee then is paid by the condemner as part of the costs. The condemner can appeal that fee if he choose or if they choose to do so. The bill actually removes the limit of \$250, so the limit, as the bill states, would be a reasonable fee fixed by the court. And, again, either party, the condemner, could appeal that fee. Judge Skorupa's point is that this fee, which was established a number of years ago and I'm not sure which year it was, is not a realistic fee for a professional appraiser in a...in a complex or difficult condemnation proceeding. No qualified appraiser is going to spend his time doing this for a maximum of \$250 per day. He suggested that we remove that cap because it was becoming a problem with getting registered, licensed, certified appraisers to do the job. Now I have an amendment which will come up which, since the bill has been reported to the floor, I've had contacts and discussions with the county officials of Nebraska, through their registered lobbyists, and I've also had further discussions with...with the court system about the language, and I'll deal with that amendment when it comes up. But I'm just...I want the body to know that there is an amendment coming up right away and I'll yield the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Before we continue, I will announce some guests of the Legislature. Senator Coordsen has, as his guests, under the south balcony Maylon Kennel from Shickley and Bob Courtney from Crete; and under the north balcony Senator Matzke has, as his guests, Steve and Cathy Mattoon from Sidney. Would all of you please rise and be welcomed by your Legislature. Thank you for being here. Mr. Clerk, amendment.